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Hi,

Microsoft should have to pay the \$1,000,000 in cash. The money should go a special school technology committee. This committee will take requests for technology from all IT departments at the nations "poorest schools".

All the requests should be tallied, the best ideas win. Emphasis should be placed on shared/networked technology. A community should be created that schools can connect to and share information. That should be one of the biggest points.

The system should only use technology that is standards based (XML, HTTP, HTML, SOAP, SMTP, SQL Databases, etc.) Once this system is developed, the money should be evenly divided between the schools to purchase whatever hardware and software they choose. The only stipulation is that whatever they purchase will have to connect to this standards based network system that has been created.

Each school's IT manager would then petition all the major hardware/software vendors for bids on the system they want to setup.

All the above should foster competition, reliance on standards based systems, a connected/shared environment, use of the private market to get the best price and above all a rich set of tools for the education of our students.

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